

Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute
Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2009
Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute – Norman Auditorium

NOTE: These minutes are subject to approval by the LHRC at its next meeting. Should revisions be made, they will be included as an item in the minutes of that meeting.

LHRC Members in Attendance: Esther Goins, Jeff Rodden

LHRC Members Not in Attendance: Greg Casker, Lesa Shelton, Thelma Wright. Roanna Deal announced the resignation of Verna Hendrickson.

Other Representatives in Attendance: Roanna Deal, Human Rights Advocate Senior

Minutes Recorder: Jerri Phillips, SVMHI

LHRC Minutes and Meeting Schedule: The Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) minutes and meeting schedule can be located on the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute's Web Page @ www.svmhi.dmhmrssas.virginia.gov under the heading of Client Advocacy.

Welcome/Call to Order: In the absence of Chairman Greg Casker, Esther Goins called to order the December 1, 2009 meeting of the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute (SVMHI) Local Human Rights Committee at 4:08 PM.

Approval of Minutes: October 20, 2009 draft minutes could not be approved because of lack of quorum.

Affiliation Expansion Request

- Strategic Therapy reported that the Blairs location is now up and running its' after school program. There are no other changes in the program – just an additional location.

Advocate's Report: Roanna Deal submitted the SVMHI report for October and November. There were 9 seclusions and 6 restraints in October. There were no human rights complaints. In November there was 1 formal complaint which was unfounded. The seclusion/restraint report was unavailable.

Affiliate Reports:

- ACE – No changes were reported. There was 1 incident involving a vehicle but no investigation was required by DSS.
- DePaul Family Services – There was 1 human rights complaint in September which was founded and resulted in an employee being fired. Phone calls have been made to families by the clinical supervisor regarding client satisfaction – random calls will continue to be made to avoid any future incidents. Records are reviewed more carefully also. There were no complaints in October.
- All Care – Absent
- Blue Ridge Residential – No allegation of abuse/neglect to report. No changes in the program.
- Family Preservation – Absent

Requests from Affiliates:

- A request was made for the committee to provide mock situations for affiliates for training purposes i.e., whether certain situations are human rights issues or not. Roanna Deal will present this to the committee for consideration.
- Wall Residence needs a program manager for the Danville area.

Reminder: Roanna Deal reminded affiliates that reports should contain the following:

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- Who is served
- Age you serve
- Rules
- What is the purpose of your organization
- Area you serve
- Any inspections/surveys
- Any complaints

No action taken on the following due to lack of quorum:

- Update of SVMHI Peer Advocacy Council
- Review Patient Fund Account – Policy #206
- Policy Review – Seclusion/Restraint
- Program Rules for the Forensic Unit, Civil Unit, and Escorted Community Outings

Next Meeting: The next special meeting will be held December 9, 2009, at Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute at 6 PM.

Adjournment: 4:24 PM